GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2016
Procurement of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agencies entrusted to procure foodgrains at Minimum Support Price (MSP);
(b) the number of procurement centres targeted and actually set up during each of the last three years and the current year along with the norms laid down for opening the procurement centres;
(c) the quantum of wheat, paddy and rice produced and procured during the above period indicating the value thereof; and
(d) whether the Government proposes to set up additional procurement centres to procure paddy and wheat during the ensuing season and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *241 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) procure foodgrains directly in some states alongwith State Agencies but in most states, it is the State Government Agencies, who do entire procurement on behalf of FCI. In some states there is a single State Agenciy i.e. State Civil Supplies Corporation or State Food Corporation but in many States, there are multiple Agencies involved including State Food Department and Cooperation Federation. Coarse grains are procured only through State Government's Agencies.
(b): Procurement centres are opened by FCI and by respective State Government Agencies with mutual consultation taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics/ infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. Large number of temporary purchase centres in addition to the regular ones in existing Mandis and depots/godowns are also established at key points in some States for the convenience of the farmers.
In De-centralized Procuring (DCP) States, it is State Government agencies which are responsible for procurement of paddy & wheat from the farmers and FCI opens purchase centre only in identified places as per specific request received from the State Governments. In Non-DCP States, FCI and State Government Agencies operate required number of purchase centres in all potential areas in consultation with each other. Even during mid-seasons, as and when any demand for opening of purchase centre at particular places for price support operations is raised, FCI/Government Agencies open purchase centres at such places in order to prevent distress sale.
Statement showing number of purchase centers opened for paddy procurement for the last three years and current year (which will end on 30th September, 2016) is as follows:-
KMS 2012-13
KMS 2013-14
KMS 2014-15
KMS 2015-16
35187
36855
44823
40053
...2/-
....2...
Statement showing number of purchase centers opened for wheat procurement for the last three years and current year is as follows:-
RMS 2012-13
RMS 2013-14
RMS 2014-15
RMS 2015-16
19,469
12,050
10,914
11,053
(c): The statement showing production and procurement of wheat and paddy/rice for the last three years and current year and value of stock procured @ Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the aforementioned period is as under:
*As per the 2nd Advance estimates dated 15.02.2016 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
KMS
Production of Paddy in terms of Rice
(in Lakh MT)
Paddy procurement

(in Lakh MT)
MSP for paddy (Rs./Qtl)
Value at MSP
(in crore)
Proc. by Govt. agencies
Proc. by Millers for levy rice
Total
2012-13
1052.41
388.05
120.01
508.06
1280
65091.68
2013-14
1066.45
355.78
119.46
475.24
1345
63979.51
2014-15
1054.80
423.19
54.90
478.09
1400
66932.60
2015-16*
1036.10$
425.17
0.00
425.17
1450
61649.65
* KMS 2015-16 is in progress. Figures as on 02.03.2016.
$As per the 2nd Advance estimates dated 15.02.2016 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
...3/-
RMS
Production
of Wheat*
(in Lakh MT)
Wheat procurement
(in Lakh MT)
MSP (Rs./Qtl)
Value at MSP (in crore)
2012-13
948.82
381.48
1285
49020.10
2013-14
935.06
250.92
1350
33874.20
2014-15
958.49
280.23
1400
39232.20
2015-16
865.30
280.88
1450
40727.60
...3...
(d): The Government has urged the State Governments to open adequate number of procurement centres. The issue has also been discussed in State Food Secretaries meeting held on 15.02.2016 to chalk out detailed action plan for procurement of wheat during the ensuing wheat marketing season RMS 2016-17 and paddy of winter/summer crop in various states. The state-wise list of number of procurement centers planned & opened for procurement of paddy in ongoing KMS 2015-16 (which will end on 30th September,

2016) is given at Annexure-I and planned to be opened for ensuing RMS 2016-17 is at Annexure II.
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